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SUBJECT: ORIT HOLDS COUNCIL MEETING

REF: A. MEXICO 7847 NOTAL;

B. MEXICO 5648 NOTAL

1. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ORIT MET OCTOBER 26-27 AT ORIT
HEADQUARTERS MEXICO CITY. COUNCIL MEETING WAS PRECEDED
BY LATIN AMERICAN CAUCUS ON OCT 25. THIRTEEN TITULAR
AND/OR ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PLUS THE PRESIDENT,
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BLAS CHUMACERO AND SEC GEN, ARTURO JAUREGUI AND SEC GEN ICFTU

OTTO KERSTEN DECIDED APPOINT FIVE-MAN SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PLAN ORIT CONGRESS NOW SCHEDULED FOR LAST WEEK JANUARY 1974 AND TO COMMUNICATE WITH AFL-CIO WITH HOPES OF RENEWING COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP. ORIT WILL HOLD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 14 FOR PURPOSE OF REWRITING CONSTITUTION CREATING NEW POSITION, SECRETARY TREASURER. ANOTHER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD SOMETIME BEFORE JANUARY CONGRESS. OTTO KERSTEN EXPRESSED ICFTU SUPPORT OF ORIT AND AGREED PAY SOME EXPENSES OF CONGRESS WHICH WILL BE HELD CUERNAVACA, MEXICO. JAUREGUI TOLD LABATT THAT COUNCIL UNANIMOUS IN REJECTING ANY MOVE UNSEAT JAUREGUI EXCEPT BY CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS. VELAZQUEZ OF CTM REPORTEDLY SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION BUT AT SAME TIME WANTS HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH AFL-CIO. ATTENDING MEETING WERE MAIONE FROM CANADA; VELAZQUEZ, SANCHEZ-MADARIAGA, AND CAMACHO FROM MEXICO; BETETA FROM NICARAGUA; JIMENEZ FROM EL SALVADOR; MOREALES-CUBA FROM GUATEMALA; CORTIZO FROM URUGUAY; HURTADO FROM CHILE; MAGENJANI FROM BRAZIL; CRUZADO FROM PERU; VILLACRES FROM ECUADOR; MARCANO FROM PUERTO RICO; SANTOS FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; AND CHUMACERO, JAUREGUI AND KERSTEN. AFL-CIO SENT MESSAGE UNABLE ATTEND DUE PRESSURE OF BUSINESS.

2. COMMENT: ORIT COUNCIL HAS TAKEN REASONABLE APPROACH TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES WITH AFL-CIO. STEADY HAND OF VELAZQUEZ APPARENT IN DECISION TO CALMLY SEEK RENEWAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH AFL-CIO. KERSTEN CALLED ORIGINAL MEETING (SEE REFTEL B) IN WASHINGTON, THEN SWITCHED HIS POSITION WHICH LEAVES AFL-CIO ALL ALONE. HOWEVER, ORIT DEPENDS ON AFL-CIO DUES PAYMENTS.

3. FYI: SOME MEMBERS OF ORIT COUNCIL WERE MEETING OCT 29 MAKING PLANS TO SEND INVESTIGATING TEAM TO CHILE END OF NOVEMBER IF JUNTA PERMITS.
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